

Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises

Debriefing Sheet: You Were There in 1797?

Name: _____

1. Explain the series of events that led to President Adams sending Charles Pinckney, Elbridge Gerry, and John Marshall to France.
2. What did the French agents of Minister Talleyrand expect from the U.S. Commission?
3. Describe in full the American reaction to the so-called "bribery." What famous quotes came out of the uproar?
4. Evaluate the thinking of George Logan. What long-term effects has the Logan Law had on individuals "helping" with foreign affairs?
5. Why was the relationship with France for the next few years called a Quasi-War?
6. List other examples of scandal, uproar, songs, and reactions to "underhanded business/bribery" that the nation has faced? (Your teacher and text book can provide assistance.)
7. In reviewing the workings of the panels for this "Meet the Press" simulation, which student character portrayed the events most accurately? Why do you say so?